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SUBJECT: LIBERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DISMISSED

1. ON JULY 2 GOL ANNOUNCED FOREIGN MINISTER ROCHEFORTE WEEKS HAD BEEN DISMISSED BECAUSE PRESIDENT TOLBERT NO LONGER HAD QTE CONFIDENCE UNQTE IN HIM. NO SUCCESSOR HAS BEEN NAMED ALTHOUGH VARIOUS NAMES INCLUDING MINISTER OF INFORMATION KESSELLY ( FORMER SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO WEEKS) AND LIBERIAN AMBASSADOR IN U. S., S. E. PEAL, HAVE BEEN MENTIONED. DEPUTY MINISTER OLIVER BRIGHT NOW ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER.

2. WEEKS PERFORMANCE AS FOREIGN MINISTER HAS BEEN DISAPPOINTING. AS TRAINED LAWYER AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF UNIVERISTY OF LIBERIA , HIS APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN MINISTER EARLY IN TOLBERT ADMINISTRATION WAS CONSIDERED A GOOD MOVE; HOWEVER, WEEKS HAS NOT RISEN TO THE TASK. AMONG OTHER THINGS, HE HAS SHOWN LITTLE ENERGY IN TRYING TO VITALIZE HIS MINISTRY WHICH CONTINUES TO BE APATHETIC AND INEFFICIENT. ADDITIONALLY, IT LIKELY WEEKS' PERSONAL DIFFERENCES WITH MINFINANCE STEPHEN TOLBERT AND HIS WEAK PERFORMANCE DURING TOLBERT' S US VISIT WERE IMPORTANT IN INFLUENCING PRESIDENT TO DROP MINISTER.  
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